

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

### PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHRISTINA DEMARIS

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate a young student from my district whose hard work and dedication has been rewarded with a great opportunity from the Governor of Colorado. Christina DeMaris of Alamosa, Colorado, was recently awarded the Governor's Opportunity Scholarship, and as she celebrates her achievement, I would like to commend her for her determination and self-sacrifice in achieving this honor.

Christina is a sophomore at Northeastern Junior College located in the city of Sterling. After a long, and no doubt difficult process, Christina was selected as a recipient of the Governor's Scholarship. This scholarship will provide her with free tuition to the Colorado college of her choice, allowing her the opportunity to pursue a higher education degree within five years. This is a great program provided by my state's chief executive to promote higher education throughout the state.

Mr. Speaker, the diligence and commitment demonstrated by Christina DeMaris certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress, and this nation. Christina's achievement serves as a symbol to aspiring college bound students throughout Colorado, and indeed the entire nation. Her reward is proof that hard work and attention to your studies can lead to assistance in achieving your goals. This scholarship program is one of the many ways that we, as legislators, can ensure that our future generations are guaranteed the opportunity to improve their lives through the resources of education. Congratulations Christina, and good luck in your future endeavors.

### IN RECOGNITION OF GRAMERCY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATES, INC.

**HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the Gramercy Neighborhood Associates in New York City. Committed to neighborhood improvement and preservation, this organization is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year.

Founded in 1912, Gramercy Neighborhood Associates, Inc., is one of the oldest community groups in New York City. Located in a neighborhood celebrated for its rich history and well-preserved architectural treasures, Gramercy Neighborhood Associates came together to ensure a grand future for a truly remarkable area. It is dedicated to the enhancement of its neighborhood and the preservation

of historic buildings. It is also committed to ensuring safe streets and the protection of the residential character of the neighborhood.

To accomplish this mission, Gramercy Neighborhood Associates works closely with the 13th Police Precinct as well as local Community Boards 5 and 6. It also works with elected officials, and the East Side Rezoning Alliance. Gramercy Neighborhood Associates also provides a permanent presence on the Historic Districts Council.

Gramercy Neighborhood Associates plants and maintains trees alongside neighborhood sidewalks and also works vigorously to preserve and enhance the neighborhood's architectural and historical treasures. For its successes in fostering the creation of the East 17th Street/Irving Place Historic District, they were honored with receipt of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's prestigious Lucy G. Moses Preservation Award. In 1984, the association sponsored the production of Gramercy Park: An Illustrated History of a New York Neighborhood, by Stehen Garney, which won the 1985 Annual Book Award of the New York Chapter of the Victorian Society of America. This association's ambitious publication program also supports a newsletter, The Gramercy Gazette.

The organization sponsors a number of events which encourage community involvement, including Clean and Green Day each spring and a Canine Comedy Day in October. They come together each year to celebrate the annual lighting of the Menorah at the beginning of Chanukah, and on Christmas Eve for caroling around the Christmas tree in Gramercy Park.

Throughout its 90 year history, Gramercy Neighborhood Associates has played a crucial role in community efforts to improve and maintain the quality of life in their neighborhood. In recognition of these outstanding achievements, I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the great contributions of this tremendously dedicated community group.

### A PROCLAMATION CONGRATULATING CRAVAT COAL COMPANY

**HON. ROBERT W. NEY**

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. NEY. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, the Cravat Coal Company celebrated 50 years of successful business in the year 2001; and,

Whereas, the Cravat Coal Company was built through the sacrifice, vision, and hard work of the Puskarich brothers, the miners and their investors; and,

Whereas, Cravat Coal has served markets in Ohio, the United States, Taiwan, Greece, and the Philippines; and,

Whereas, Cravat Coal has brought employment and progress to the Ohio valley; and,

Whereas, the founders and employees must be commended for their long hours and com-

mitment to excellence which allowed Cravat Coal to succeed;

Therefore, I join with the residents of the entire 18th Congressional District of Ohio in celebrating Cravat Coal's 50 years of exceptional service.

### HONORING JACK ABERNATHY

**HON. DALE E. KILDEE**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, January 23, 2002*

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a man that has become an institution in the city of Davison, MI, Mr. Jack Abernathy. Jack recently retired after being the city manager for the past 28 years. He was honored at a community gala on January 19 in the city of Davison.

I have known Jack for many years. Jack was a teacher prior to running for public office. He was elected to the Davison City Council in 1969, the same year that Davison earned its nickname as the "City of Flags." After serving as a councilman and as mayor, Jack was appointed the city manager in 1974. In this capacity he was accountable for the police, fire, parks, community development, building and zoning, and public services departments; and the offices of Assessor, City Clerk and City Treasurer. Jack was the liaison between the City Council, city government employees, and residents. It was his responsibility to keep informed about developments in local government, to respond quickly to problems, and seek solutions within and if necessary outside the community. It is a tribute to his personality that he performed his job with grace, forbearance and finesse.

During this time Jack was the moving force behind several organizations and services. He helped to start the Davison-Richfield Area Fire Authority, Genesee County Small Cities Association, the Davison Area Ambulance Authority, the Davison Senior Center Authority, Davison Area Recycling, Davison Area Parks and Recreation Commission, Davison Area Economic Development Authority, the Davison Skatepark, and the Genesee County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. He was instrumental in initiating the first public transportation system Dial-a-Ride program in a small city, and keeping the Secretary of State's office in Davison. Jack helped build the Senior Centers, and worked with Genesee County on the Waste and Water program, the 911 program and organizing countywide recycling.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House of Representatives to join me in honoring the epitome of a public servant, Jack Abernathy. His service to his community and fellow citizens is an inspiration to everyone aspiring to make this a better world. His selfless commitment to service has benefited persons far beyond the Davison community.

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